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In re Application of:

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**For: INORGANIC PERMEATION
LAYER FOR MICRO-ELECTRIC
DEVICE**

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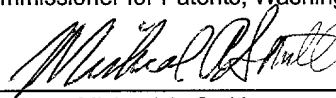
On page 1, beginning at line 4, please delete the first paragraph in its entirety and replace it with the following:

--This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/354,931, filed on July 15, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/986,065, filed December 5, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,051,380, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/534,454, filed September 27, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,849,486, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/304,657, filed September 9, 1994, now U.S. Patent 5,632,957 (which has been continued as application OC-92452.1

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Serial No. 08/859,644, filed May 20, 1997, now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/271,882, filed July 7, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 6,017,696, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/146,504, filed November 1, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,605,662, and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/708,262, filed September 6, 1996, now abandoned.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-24 without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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